

CM6 - Proposed Rules of The Chipstead Players

In these Rules, “the Constitution” means the Constitution of The Chipstead Players CIO (“the Society”) adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on 2020 and references to “the Board” mean the Executive Board of the Society, as referred to in the Constitution. These Rules replace all former versions of the Rules and all Regulations made pursuant to the terms thereof.

1. Management

The Board shall have (inter alia) the following powers and obligations:

- (a) To constitute sub-committees from their number and/or from other members of the Society, to delegate to them any of their own powers (except those of electing and expelling members and making altering or revoking Rules and Regulations) and to authorise such sub-committees to co-opt other members of the Society provided always that one member of any such sub-committee shall be a member of the Board;
- (b) To make alter or revoke Regulations for the internal management of the Society (provided that the same shall not conflict with these Rules). All such Regulations shall be communicated to members and until revoked shall be binding on all members of the Society as if they were contained in these Rules;
- (c) To maintain The Courtyard Theatre as the principal venue for the Society’s activities and to use its best endeavours to ensure that the terms of the Theatre Licence are observed and in particular that a Designated Premises Supervisor is appointed in accordance with the terms of the Licence;
- (d) To use its best endeavours to ensure that the Society maintains its status as a registered charity including meeting the requirements of the Charity Commissioners in that regard;
- (e) To develop, keep updated and publish to the membership policies in relation to Child Protection, Photography / Filming, Health and Safety and such other matters as the Board shall think fit;

2. Casting

The Director of each play shall have entire charge of the casting (after auditions), production and rehearsals of that play, subject only to the general control of the Board, whose decisions shall be final.

3. Types of Membership

Any person who is eligible to be a member in accordance with the terms of the Constitution may apply for membership by completing a membership

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application form in the form determined by the Board and submitting it to the Board by such means as the Board may determine.

The Board shall consider applications received at their general meetings and those persons admitted to membership (and any rejected) shall be notified in accordance with the Constitution.

The Board may accept applications for temporary membership from time to time for such periods and on such terms as it may think fit and may delegate its powers in this connection to the Director of Administration.

The Board shall have the power to create affiliates (i.e. non-voting members) who shall have such privileges as the Board shall determine.

4. Subscriptions

Subscriptions shall be set by the Board and shall become due on 1 September for each year (or as the Board may decide). The Board may determine in its discretion that subscriptions shall be reduced for certain categories of membership and /or for persons becoming members part way through a year. The Board may impose "acting fees", "script levies" or other charges payable in such circumstances as it may determine. The Board shall notify the membership of any changes to subscriptions, acting fees or the like.

5. Vice Presidents

Vice-Presidents may be elected at an Annual General Meeting with or without previous nomination. Any person who has rendered valuable services to the Society, or any other person who the members of the Society in General Meeting think fit, may be elected a Vice-President for the Society for the ensuing year by vote of the members of the Society in General Meeting.

6. Alteration of Rules

No alteration or addition to these Rules shall be permitted except by consent of a majority of Board members present at a meeting of the Board, such meeting having been duly convened by written notice setting out in detail the proposed alterations and/or additions Provided Always that no alteration shall be made so as to permit a any object other than the object(s) stated in the Constitution, or allow the application of the Society's funds for any purposes which are not in pursuit of the objects or which otherwise conflict with the Constitution.

7. Members' Obligations

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The members of the Society shall familiarise themselves with the Constitution, these Rules and any Policies issued by the Board and shall at all times comply with them.

8. Management of the Bar

- (a) The purchase for the Society and the supply by the Society of intoxicating liquors shall be managed by the Bar Committee which shall consist of not less than three members and not more than seven members of the Society who must all have been members of the Society for at least two years and who are all over 21 years of age.
- (b) The Bar Committee shall be elected by the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting except that the Designated Premises Supervisor appointed under the terms of the Theatre Licence shall automatically serve as an additional member of the Bar Committee.
- (c) In accordance with the terms of the Theatre Licence the purchase of intoxicating liquor at the Bar shall not be permitted by or on behalf of any person under the age of 18 years.